
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

H-5715 and H-5460 have been postponed at sponsor's request

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 1, 2021

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5247](#)

BY Amore, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC175/1} (Excludes chronic intractable pain from the definition of acute pain management. Prescribes new guidelines for treatment based upon 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/09/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/26/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5152](#)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS {LC85/1} (Defines what constitutes a multi-use food and beverage storage container and provides for sanitary use of said containers.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5155](#)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC90/1} (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

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02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5160](#)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT {LC120/1} (Redefines the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist.)

01/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5195](#)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OVERSIGHT OF RISK-BEARING PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS {LC92/1} (Provides the office of the health insurance commissioner with oversight of risk-bearing provider organizations and health care risk contracts.)

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5243](#)

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC735/1} (Requires a health plan to cover clinically appropriate and medically necessary residential or inpatient services, including detoxification and stabilization services, for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5244](#)

BY Edwards, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC705/1} (Provides that pharmacists shall disclose lesser price drug substitutions unless directed otherwise by the doctor. Exempts pharmacists automatically charging the lowest available price.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5249](#)

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Noret, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM {LC330/1} (Establishes a program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide cost savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5372](#)

BY McNamara, Ackerman, Carson, Noret, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD - GROUP PURCHASING BOARD FOR RX WE CAN AFFORD {LC1131/1} (Creates a prescription drug affordability board composed of representatives of affected stakeholders designated to investigate and comprehensively evaluate drug prices for Rhode Islanders and possible ways to reduce them to make them more affordable.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5313](#)

BY Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS {LC349/1} (Adds pickles and relish to those foods which are permitted to be manufactured and sold as a farm home food product.)

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5368](#)

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Lima, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS {LC67/1} (Adds the application or removal of eyelash extensions and the use of chemicals in the area of the eyelids to the definition of the "practice of hairdressing and cosmetic therapy".)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5370](#)

BY Donovan, Cassar, Speakman, Fogarty, Tanzi, McNamara, Caldwell, Ajello, Casimiro, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT {LC1407/1} (Requires health insurers to accommodate the request for communication in the form and format requested by the insured.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5371](#)

BY Casimiro, Alzate, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY BEVERAGE ACT {LC125/1} (Creates the "Healthy Beverage Act" which would require restaurants that offer children's meals that include a beverage, to provide a healthy beverage as part of the meal.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5715](#)

~~BY Barros, Messier, Morales, Handy, Alzate, Shanley, Fogarty, Carson, Amore, Kislak~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SUGARY DRINKS {LC1573/1} (~~Creates a tax on sugary drinks with the intent of discouraging excessive consumption of those beverages and would create a dedicated revenue source for programs designed to benefit public health.~~)

~~02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5374](#)

BY Craven, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS {LC961/1} (Permits clinical laboratories to conduct its own analysis of specimens for the detection of HIV/AIDS instead of sending the specimens to the department of health.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5466](#)

BY Carson, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES {LC1260/1} (Creates a comprehensive system to promote and regulate the effective and competent administration of medical laboratories by focusing on the training, qualifications and licensure of their practitioners.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5431](#)

BY Ackerman, Chippendale, Hawkins, Baginski, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT {LC512/1} (Requires retail establishments with 3 or more employees on the premises without accessible public restroom to allow customers suffering from eligible conditions access to their employee restrooms.)

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5460](#)

~~BY Edwards, Kazarian, Williams, Alzate, Felix, Kislak, Ruggiero, Caldwell, McEntee, Shanley~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUAL ASSAULT~~

~~EVIDENCE KITS {LC858/1} (Requires any entity that receives, maintains, stores or preserves~~

~~sexual assault evidence kits to submit a report to the department of health, annually, setting forth the total number of untested kits in possession of such entity.)~~

~~02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5462](#)

BY Edwards, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY {LC711/1}

(Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat shall not be considered abandonment.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5465](#)

BY Filippi, Cortvriend, Place, Kazarian, Nardone, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - MILK SANITATION CODE

{LC1375/1} (Permits and legalize the sale of raw milk.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5550](#)

BY Lombardi, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COSMETIC LABELING

{LC1690/1} (Requires that all cosmetics manufactured, sold, delivered, or held for offering to be sold contain a label that completely and accurately lists all of its component ingredient.)

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5648](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER

PATIENT NOTIFICATION {LC1498/1} (Now allows for a summary of a patient's mammography report be provided to the patient by mail, electronically, or otherwise.)

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

Both verbal and written testimony are welcome.

VERBAL TESTIMONY

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 11:00 AM on Monday, March 1, 2021.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Submit written testimony to:

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Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.

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DEADLINE: In order for materials to be shared with members and posted to the General Assembly website in a timely manner, written testimony must be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. All testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website -- as soon as possible. For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file

Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,
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